



Revelation 2:1-7 Introduction to the 7 Churches / The Church at Ephesus Speaker: Jeff Thompson

4 Levels of Application for the 7 Letters:

- 1) _____
- 2) All churches
“...hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”
- 3) _____
“He who has an ear, let him hear...”
- 4) Prophecy (*The Church Age*)

See Acts 20:17-38 for Paul's final meeting with the Ephesian elders.

Prophetic Time Period:

32 A.D. (Pentecost) – 100 A.D. // The Apostolic Age

Church Name:

Ephesus = *the desired one, desirable*

V.1: Jesus' title is a reminder that He is in

_____.

“The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches.” - Revelation 1:20

VV.2-3 // Commendations:

They made _____ God a priority.

“I know your works, your labour...”

They persevered (Cf. 1 Corinthians 15:58).

“...your patience...”

Their theology was _____.

“...and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars”

V.4 // Criticism:

They left their _____ (“agape”).

The defining _____ of a Christian is their love for _____ (Cf. Matthew 22:35-38).

In a task-driven relationship, you stand _____
_____. In an intimacy-based relationship,
you stand _____.
(Cf. Luke 10:38-42)

V.5 // Exhortation:

“..._____ and do the first works...”

The Nicolaitans:

Nicos + Laos = “to rule over the laity”

See Revelation 2:14-15 and Numbers 22-24 (Balaam & Balak).